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SENTIMENT WAS FOR ROOSEVELT

Preferential Vote Instructs Delegates In Convention for Colonel.

SENATOR WIGGINS IS CHAIRMAN

Resolutions Pledged Support of Party to Nominee Selected at National Convention. Osborn Endorsed.

Roosevelt sentiment dominated the county convention at Hartford last Friday. Early in the proceedings a motion by C. L. Bish of Lawton that a preferential primary vote be taken in the convention and that the result of the vote be considered as instructions to the delegations to both the state and district conventions, prevailed. A ballot was taken and resulted as follows:

La Follette 10, Taft 35, Roosevelt, 108. The delegations were then selected with the understanding that they had been instructed by the convention to vote for Roosevelt delegates to the National convention.

Fred Cogshall, chairman of the county committee, called the convention to order and C. O. Monroe, secretary of the committee, read the call. Senator Milan D. Wiggins of Bloomingdale was then called to the chair as temporary chairman. He made an excellent address, a letter from Mrs. Full in another language, remaining on.

L. A. Watson of Hartford was elected temporary secretary at the following committees were appointed:

Credentials—G. R. G. Rice, South Haven; S. J. Sherrod, Decatur; H. E. Shaefer, Paw Paw; E. A. Haven, Bloomingdale; F. G. Cleveland, Arlington.

Permanent Organization and Order of Business—C. M. Van Riper, Hartford; Charles E. Robinson, Lawrence; Charles Shaefer, Antwerp; C. H. King, Geneva; A. O. Duncombe, Keeler.

Resolutions—Don F. Cochrane, Hartford; C. E. Cross, Bangor; Peter Watkins, South Haven; Glenn E. Warner, Paw Paw; J. E. Chandler, South Haven.

After the dinner hour the temporary organization was made permanent and delegates selected to attend the state and district convention. The following were appointed delegates to the state convention which was held in Bay City yesterday: B. G. Davis, Antwerp; L. A. Bregger, Arlington; Thos. A. Church, Bangor; Milan D. Wiggins, Bloomingdale; A. M. Brown, Columbia; G. C. Ross, Covert; Perry M. Young, Decatur; Clifton Pierce, Geneva; H. H. Young, Hamilton; E. B. Bennett, Hartford; A. O. Duncombe, Keeler; H. C. Waters, Paw Paw; H. J. Slonaker, Pine Grove; John Marshall, Porter; C. J. Monroe, South Haven; Geo. R. Curtis, M. T. French and C. A. Stevenson, South Haven city.

The following were appointed delegates to the district convention to be held at Lawton, April 13: C. A. Fuhrman, Antwerp; L. J. Lewis, Arlington; M. F. Russell, Bangor; E. M. Howard, Bloomingdale; C. G. Chamberlain, Columbia; Jas. A. Vary, Covert; S. J. Sherrod, Decatur; Geo. P. Welch, Geneva; A. C. Bidak, Hamilton; V. W. Olds, Hartford; Chester Baggerley, Keeler; John Whittaker, Lawrence; Earl L. Burbanck, Paw Paw; Earl Schoolcraft, Pine Grove; Fred Brooks, Jr., Porter; Peter Watkins, South Haven; F. C. Cogshall, J. E. Chandler, South Haven city.

The resolutions as prepared by the committee and adopted by the convention follow:

"We, the republicans of Van Buren county in convention assembled, do hereby re-affirm our allegiance to the fundamental principles of the republican party upon which every era of prosperity which the American people have enjoyed has been founded and pledge ourselves to the earnest furtherance of those sterling principles;

"Be it further resolved that we commend the unanimity of action of Van Buren county republicans in taking a presidential preference expression at this convention and we commend the careful consideration of that expression to the delegates elected today;

"We commend Governor Osborn for his course in office and for his earnest efforts in furthering legislation in the interests of the people of this commonwealth;

"And we further commend our distinguished state senator, Hon. Milan D. Wiggins, for his uniform course in the legislative sessions in casting his votes in the interests of the people."

(Signed) Don F. Cochrane, Peter Watkins, Glenn E. Warner, Chas. E. Cross, James E. Chandler.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

The 27th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Van Buren county, will be held at the Baptist church in Hartford April 11 and 12.

KEOKUK CANNING CO. ACQUIRES INTEREST

Purchases Plants of the Robinson Cider Vinegar and Pickle Co. and Will Succeed the Latter.

This community will learn with interest that the Keokuk Canning Co., established in 1880 at Keokuk, Iowa, has acquired a considerable interest in the purchase at Paw Paw, Lawton and Mattawan of the plants of the Robinson Cider and Pickle Company and they will be successors to the Robinson company. The Keokuk company has had large interests in Michigan since 1904, when they built a factory at Lansing. They now have 14 stations in the state. Wm. Bollinger, the president of the company, is also president of the National Pickle Packers association. The company has a fine reputation both on its vinegar and canned goods.

This company are also large canners of fruits and vegetables. Visiting representatives of the company have been favorably impressed with the possibilities of fruit canning at Paw Paw and it is probable that the company will give careful consideration to this important branch.

Paw Paw welcomes this excellent company of business men and their coming should mean much to the business welfare of the village and surrounding country.

NOTED FORGERY BROUGHT TO MIND

Death of M. D. Matteson in Chicago Recalls Famous Criminal Trial.

In the last issue of The True Northerner appeared a rumor of the death of "Hart Madison" at the city of Chicago. The correct name of the deceased party was Milo DeHart Matteson. He was not only well known in Paw Paw, but elsewhere throughout the county and state. It was he that was defendant in the most famous criminal trial that ever occurred in Van Buren county, the Morris-Matteson forgery case. Matteson was a money lender in Decatur during the 70's, and figured in 28 cases in the circuit court of the county between 1871 and 1889. Three of those cases were criminal cases in which Matteson was charged with forgery of certain notes and mortgages against the Morrises. The celebrated criminal lawyer, John Van Arman, was employed by the county to assist the prosecutor, the late Judge D. E. Comstock, in the trial of the case, which lasted for four weeks and resulted in a verdict of guilty. The matter of an appeal to the supreme court was pending, but before it was perfected, the presiding judge, Hon. Charles R. Brown, unexpectedly resigned his office, which action on his part prevented such appeal being perfected and paved the way for a new trial of the case. Feeling ran high against Matteson and the case was transferred to St. Joseph county. The second trial which was conducted on the part of the people by Hon. B. F. Heckert and John Van Arman, resulted in an acquittal, a proceeding that was regarded in Van Buren county, to put it in the most favorable light, as a Scotch verdict. It was not long after this that Henry Morris and his wife were foully murdered. The murderer was never apprehended although the county offered a large reward for his capture. James Matteson, a brother of Milo D., disappeared immediately after and has not been seen nor his whereabouts been known, by Van Buren county people since that time. There were strong suspicions that there was some connection between the Matteson-Morris affairs and the assassination of Mr. and Mrs. Morris. It was known, however, that Milo DeHart Matteson was not at the scene of the murder, as he was at the village of Decatur when the crime was committed. Had Jim Matteson been arrested, and he would have been if he could have been found, he might not so easily have proven an alibi.

The purchase of four smoke protectors for the fire department was ordered. The salary of the superintendent of water works was fixed at \$80 per month. C. D. Leach was granted permission to erect a gasoline tank in front of his place of business. It was ordered that all gasoline tanks now located on sidewalks be removed by October 1, 1912. Claims amounting to the sum of \$359.62 were duly allowed, whereupon the council adjourned.

HOUSE CLEANING HELPED GREATLY

Neighbors Assist in Removing Household Effects When House is Threatened by Fire.

At about ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, the fire alarm sounded and excitement ran high. People came from every quarter and followed the lead of the fire company which proceeded east on Main street. The fire was located at the residence of John Engle but in a very few minutes all danger was past, of very great damage being done to the building.

The shingles on the roof of the back part of the house caught fire from sparks from the furnace chimney, paper having been burned to clean the chimney of soot caused from soft coal.

Neighbors fearing a big blaze, moved the bulk of the furniture from the house but there was no damage to the furniture in any way and Mrs. Engle in her optimistic way, declares that it will be a great help with her spring house cleaning.

LOOKS SPICK AND SPAN.

The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.'s office has undergone a thorough house-cleaning and looks very neat and bright. "Spring time turns the young man's thoughts to love" but not but not so with the housekeeper and office woman. Plain soap, water and Dutch cleanser is the thought uppermost in her mind.

A PRIZE WINNER.

D. J. Treat living four miles north of Paw Paw on the Charles Hoskins farm, brought a parsnip to this office last Monday, that should make the Vegetable family justly proud and "set up."

It weighed 4½ pounds and was well shaped and white, a very good specimen showing that the fruit belt country can also produce vegetables.

Miss Velva M. Witter of Lawrence and Mr. Wm. Fritz of Decatur were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. E. T. Luther. J. C. Dubois of Decatur and Miss Gladys Wyman of Lawton, friends of the young couple accompanied them and witnessed the ceremony.

WITTER-FRITZ.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL

Appointments for Coming Year Were Made and Confirmed.

MCCABE APPOINTED MARSHAL

A Few New Names on List of Appointive Officers. Are Generally Satisfactory to Citizens.

The first meeting of the newly organized common council of the village was held at the council room last Monday evening, President Shaefer presiding. Present, Trustees Richmond, Johnson, Young, Bassett, Hungerford and Tuttle.

Joe Sherman was granted permission, on the payment of a license fee of \$5, to construct a platform for his wagon on the south-west corner of Main and Kalamazoo streets, his place to close not later than 12 o'clock.

A village teamster was selected by ballot. Henry Terrell was the choice of the board on the second ballot, and was appointed at a salary of \$40 per month. President Shaefer appointed the following standing committees:

Electric lights—Trustees Young, Hungerford and Richmond.

Fire and water—Trustees Bassett, Young and Hungerford.

Streets—Trustees Tuttle, Johnson and Young.

Sewers—Trustees Johnson, Richmond and Tuttle.

Health—Trustees Richmond and Johnson.

Finance—Trustees Hungerford and Bassett.

Claims—Trustees Bassett and Hungerford.

Licenses—Trustees Young and Johnson.

Printing—Trustees Richmond and Bassett.

The president also made the following appointments: Marshal, H. W. McCabe; village attorney, Earl L. Burbanck; superintendent of water works, E. E. Roundy; superintendent of electric lights, W. S. Downing; health officer, Dr. J. C. Maxwell; policeman, P. B. Lord. The foregoing appointments were confirmed by the council.

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ADVERTISERS SHOW GOOD JUDGMENT

Three Announcements this Week of the Sale of Farm and Household Goods. Buyers Take Notice.

The advertising columns of The True Northerner this week, contain the announcement of three auction sales in this vicinity in the near future. The parties conducting these sales have shown their good judgment in the matter of advertising by resorting to our columns. Newspaper advertising has long been considered by those who have profited by it to be far more effectual than any other means that may be employed. More people are reached through the medium of the newspapers than can possibly be by any other method of advertising.

On page two of this issue will be found the advertisement of B. J. Rix, who announces a sale at the farm of D. K. Rix, on Thursday, April 18, and on page six appears the announcement of Mrs. Walter Raleigh and Thomas Stellebras, the former holding a sale on the 17th, at her farm north-west of Paw Paw and the latter at his farm northeast of Mattawan on the 16th.

BAND CONCERT BIG SUCCESS

Boys Given Fine Send-Off by Large Audience Thursday Night.

The entertainment given by the Paw Paw high school band last Thursday night was a bumper. The boys were in the best of spirits and never played better than on this occasion. It seemed to be ordered that on the eve of their departure on their tour of the state that they should give their home town a fair sample of what they could do in the way of "chasing dull care away" and this they did in a most satisfactory manner and were the recipients of various compliments. Their tones, their tunes, their uniforms—the boys themselves just suited the people, who were there for the express purpose of enjoying what was coming, and to give the band the hand of fellowship and send them away with the best wishes of the town as a whole.

The program was a good one—embracing not only the selections by the band but the enjoyable numbers furnished by Miss Ross and Blaine Warner in vocal solos and Miss Frieda Snow in piano solos. Miss Frieda is a Paw Paw favorite and never fails to reach her standard of excellence.

Miss Margaret Cole, who is also one of Paw Paw's daughters, is much appreciated here. She is a young reader who wins many friends upon every occasion where she appears.

Little 10 year old Bruno Chilikinski of Chicago, who has been the guest of friends here, contributed violin solos which were very well done and would do credit to one much older in years. He is also accompanying the band on their tour this week.

Supt. McCormick under whose training these young people have been for some time past, is a thorough master of the art of developing the talents that come within his range, and by this happy faculty and the fact that he has good material to work with, he is moulding for the future a lasting memorial for himself in the little village of Paw Paw.

The receipts of the entertainment reached the \$100 mark.

INTERESTING EASTER PROGRAM

The Easter program at the Presbyterian church was conducted by Miss Aileen Van Buskirk, and she presented a very interesting program. A chorus of twenty voices accompanied by an orchestra of seven violins and Leland Gorton at the piano, filled the church with music and glad Easter day spirit. The little people contributed largely to the program with recitations and class songs. The church was beautifully decorated and the arrangements are to be congratulated upon, the success of the service.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENT.

The ladies of the Gladdenburg Aid Society met at the hospitable home of Mrs. Charles Lake on Wednesday, April 3. Quilting was the order of the day. A splendid pot-luck dinner was served to about 45, the tables literally groaning under their weight of toothsome viands, which the Gladdenburg ladies know so well how to prepare. Music and lively conversation helped the time to pass all too quickly and the happy faces, as the good-byes were said, was proof that all went to their homes much benefited by having met together once more.

SENATOR MAKES STRONG ADDRESS

As Chairman of County Convention, He Talks Republican Doctrine

PEOPLE AHEAD OF THE PARTY

"Let Each by Each Together Stick" Should be Watchword After Presidential Nominee is Selected.

Chairman of the County convention, Senator Wiggins, at Hartford last Friday, received many congratulations on the excellence of his address.

Following is what he said in full:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention, I thank you. I will try to keep your esteem and merit your approbation by making my talk short and plain. We are convened for political business, and so far as I am concerned at least, I hope we shall transact it in a business manner, with fairness to all and special favors to none. I am aware, as everyone must be who has kept in touch with political events, that there is great unrest, difference of opinion and even bitterness in political circles, and the anomalous feature is that it is not between the parties, but in them; and the controversy is becoming so acute in places that it looks as if the contest were becoming a mere scramble for the office. Some claim that the issue is not national and is injected into the controversy only to stir up the people. Be that as it may, the fact is that the people are stirred up not only in our party, but in the great democratic party as well, and from this fact the insidious Socialist party is making great gains.

The real issue is the increase of direct government by the people. Big business interests are in politics for the sole object of preserving and protecting property rights, and because this has been their sole purpose they have neglected, to use a mild term, human rights. By the use of large sums of money they have sought to perpetuate in office a set of men who would conserve their interests at the ultimate expense of the people. Abuse of place and power—this, and this alone, it seems to me—is the root, the real cause for the almost universal demand for the increase of direct government by the people.

At the birth of the republican party it was dedicated to liberty and human rights. It was for these that Lincoln lived and died; are they any less sacred now, these great principles of a common brotherhood? Justice, fairness, and equal opportunities to all, with special privileges to none—these are the principles for which we must contend if we would keep the love and loyalty of the people and make the republican party the leader in progress and prosperity. It avails nothing to deny this right to the people, and to whom should those who have power be amenable for the use of that power but to those who gave the power? Their's, and ought to be, the prior right in all the affairs of government, in the nomination and election of its servants from the lowest to the highest.

As there has been gross abuse of the representative government, so there may be in direct government. Changes and corrections will have to be made until human and natural rights are conserved and officials become obedient to their duties and work for the interests of the people from whom they derive their power. This theme is interesting because it is the issue and a live issue, and is capable of being extended beyond the limits of our time. We would be pleased to speak on the primary in Michigan and its present status, but my foreword forbids. I will say, however, that there are many good men, who oppose the primary, especially the state-wide and preference primaries, on the ground that the parties and party affiliations would be destroyed, that we would lose party pride and party enthusiasm and party traditions and party prejudice. I am, however, optimistic and do not share in these deplorable prophecies. But if it must be, then I will say, "The people first, and the party afterwards; right first, results afterwards." If the republican party is to win the race we are now entering upon, it must be careful of its lights. One of the games of the ancient Greeks was a running match in which each runner carried a blazing torch. The prize was awarded to the one who first crossed the line with his torch still blazing. It is so with political parties, the winners are those who keep the torch of liberty and human rights brightly burning, never seeking to win by unfair methods or sharp parliamentary tactics, facing every issue fairly, exercising sound, sober judgment and common sense to the utmost of our ability, remembering that as American citizens, we have serious duties to perform—the duty to be just and fair, the duty of preserving for ourselves and those dependent upon us, all

the inalienable rights and privileges which God and the wisdom of the founders of our government have placed in our keeping. By remembering these things and practicing we will preserve our integral party unity.

So far as our highest federal officials are concerned, we are, and will continue for many years, under a representative form of government. We will today elect delegates who will in turn elect delegates who will, we hope, name the next president of the United States. Whether he shall be the intrepid, impulsive, impetuous and forceful hunter of "big game," or that valiant champion of the people's rights, the persevering and pugnacious senator from Wisconsin, or the safe, sane, judicious gentleman who now so ably fills the presidential chair, and who has never been accused of dishonesty or duplicity, we believe that either, if nominated and elected on the republican platform, surrounded by republican advisers, guarded and supported by republican progressive sentiment and precedent, will give the United States a safer and more prosperous administration than is possible for either Wilson, Harmon, Clark, Underwood, or any other man that our democratic opponents can select and elect on a democratic platform, surrounded by democratic advisers and breathing the air of democratic traditional retrogression and precedent.

And now, gentlemen, whoever our first choice may be, here or for the state convention, let our second and last be the nominee of the republican party—Chicago, or in the words of a certain German who was a candidate for county office in Huron county, and who admonished the republican party to stand shoulder to shoulder in the following words, "Let each by each together stick."

Leon Douglas of R. R. 6, was the man who had the best of them all. His Easter present was a little chick that came a little late—Tuesday morning, nevertheless he can crow over his fellows. This little lady is not of bantam size she weighed 8½ pounds. Her name is Genevieve May.

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In his statement the governor explains that he is now in exactly the same frame of mind that he was when, on December 6, 1910, he announced that he would not be a candidate for a second term; that he knew at that time practically what his program of endeavor would be and that he has already succeeded in doing more than he ever hoped to accomplish.

While complimenting the present legislature on its capability and efficiency, he takes unto himself the credit of many of the important measures passed, among them the submission of woman suffrage; the opposition to brewery owned saloons; effort for state wide primaries; referendum and recall, etc.

In reviewing his administration, he finds good cause for gratification, inasmuch as he has accomplished much, "has fought hard and uncompromisingly for the welfare of Michigan, has been open, above board, direct, honest and independent, thinking not of party, of self, or of friends, but always of the state."

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As there has been gross abuse of the representative government, so there may be in direct government. Changes and corrections will have to be made until human and natural rights are conserved and officials become obedient to their duties and work for the interests of the people from whom they derive their power. This theme is interesting because it is the issue and a live issue, and is capable of being extended beyond the limits of our time. We would be pleased to speak on the primary in Michigan and its present status, but my foreword forbids. I will say, however, that there are many good men, who oppose the primary, especially the state-wide and preference primaries, on the ground that the parties and party affiliations would be destroyed, that we would lose party pride and party enthusiasm and party traditions and party prejudice. I am, however, optimistic and do not share in these deplorable prophecies. But if it must be, then I will say, "The people first, and the party afterwards; right first, results afterwards." If the republican party is to win the race we are now entering upon, it must be careful of its lights. One of the games of the ancient Greeks was a running match in which each runner carried a blazing torch. The prize was awarded to the one who first crossed the line with his torch still blazing. It is so with political parties, the winners are those who keep the torch of liberty and human rights brightly burning, never seeking to win by unfair methods or sharp parliamentary tactics, facing every issue fairly, exercising sound, sober judgment and common sense to the utmost of our ability, remembering that as American citizens, we have serious duties to perform